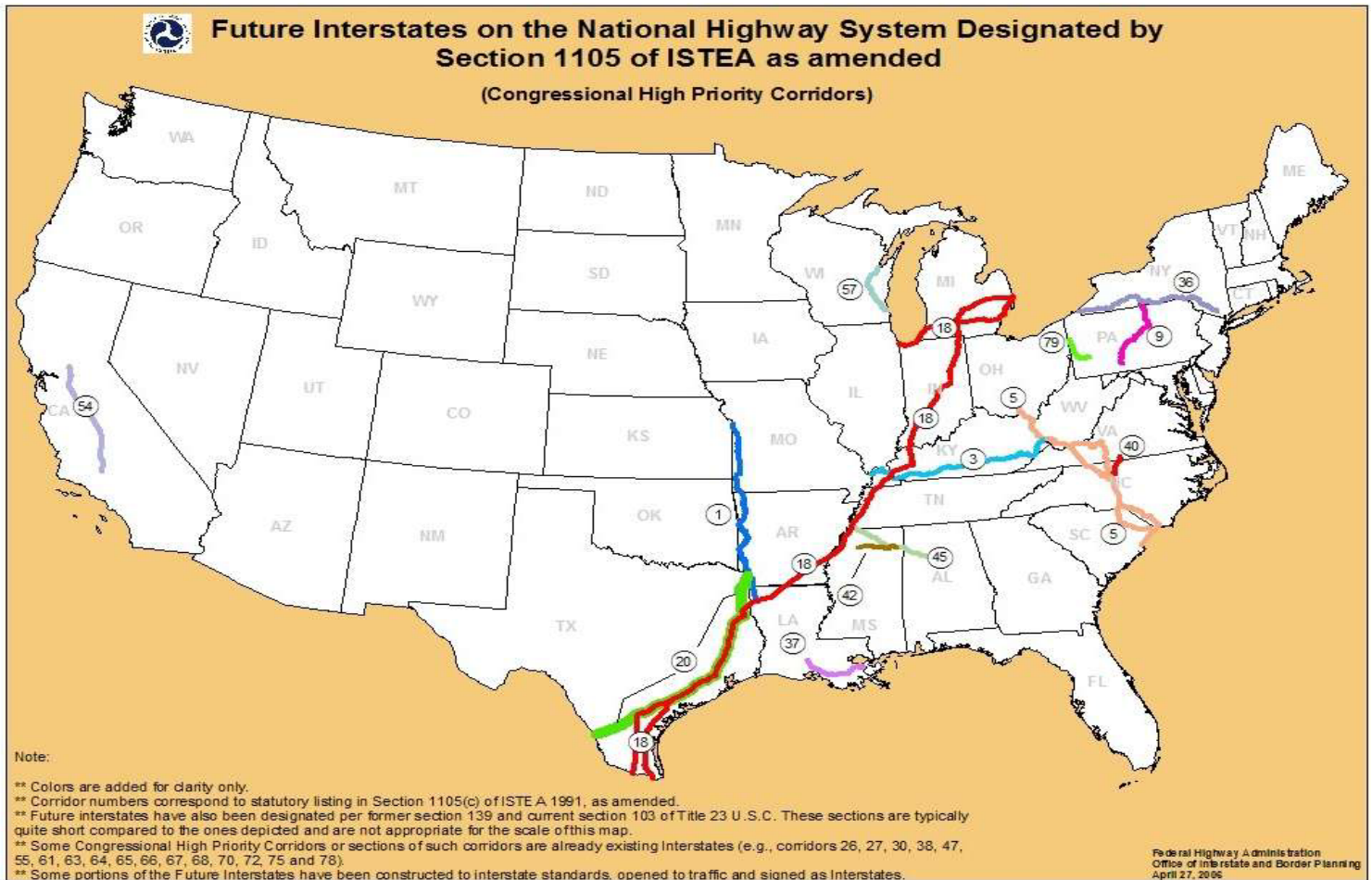


Congressman Nunes Once Again Highlights Future Improvements to Highway 99



As reported last year, Highway 99 is now eligible for extensive improvements thanks to two key provisions written by Rep. Nunes that were included in the national transportation bill. The first provision designates Highway 99 as a national high priority corridor, which makes it eligible for new federal dollars. The second provision makes Highway 99 eligible to become a federal interstate.

The graphic above highlights just how impressive the task was to get Highway 99 included in the high priority corridor program. The transportation bill included few new entries to the program but Highway 99 was the only one west of the Rocky Mountains. The Farm to Market Corridor is listed as number 54 above.

“Highway 99 has been neglected far too long,” Rep. Nunes said. “Making Highway 99 a six lane freeway from Bakersfield to Sacramento is very important, and I’m pleased to see that we are on the right path to getting that accomplished.”

The federal transportation bill also includes money for several projects in Fresno and Tulare counties, including:

- ◆ \$7.6 million for Highway 180 improvements in Fresno
- ◆ \$6.5 million to widen Highway 99 from Goshen to Kingsburg
- ◆ \$3.2 million for farm-to-market roads in Tulare County
- ◆ \$2.8 million to improve traffic flows between connected highways in Fresno
- ◆ \$2.4 million to widen Highway 198 from Highway 99 to State Route 43
- ◆ \$1.6 million to widen the Ben Maddox Way bridge in Visalia
- ◆ \$1.2 million for traffic improvements to Ave. 416 near Dinuba
- ◆ \$1.6 million to widen Friant Road to four lanes with bicycle lanes
- ◆ \$240,000 for traffic improvements to Willow and Herndon in Clovis